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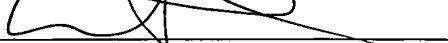
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The listed document is being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97(d), before the payment of the issue fee, and within three months of the date of the foreign search report. Accordingly, a fee is also required, and is included with this submission.

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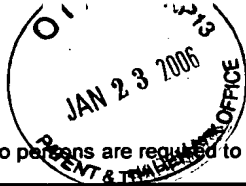
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